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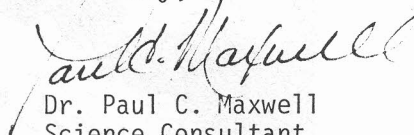
Dear Dr. Cho:

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations to you and your colleagues on the inauguration of the new Latin American Journal of Metallurgy and Materials (Revista Latinoamericana de Metalurgia y Materiales). The need for such a journal to provide for the diffusion and interchange of technical and scientific information on materials and metallurgy throughout Latin America has long been felt. Certainly it is an ambitious undertaking, particularly since you will be publishing in three languages simultaneously.

My own experience as a researcher and educator in Latin America strongly supports the concept of a technical journal which will be able to disseminate information related to metallurgy and materials across the entire spectrum of basic and applied research and development.

As well, the development of a strong scientific and technical infrastructure within the developing countries of Latin America has been of particular interest and emphasis of foreign policies developed over the past several years. I believe your journal will have an important role in helping to build such an infrastructure and I offer you my strongest encouragement for the success of this enterprise.

Sincerely,



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